

MsS. Acc. 2705 (25)



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[Copy] "Dear Mr. Garrison; I was so unfortunate as not to have been among those friends of yours, who, after the Proclamation of Emancipation, united in a Testimonial to your long and tried services for the Anti-Slavery cause. May I, at this late hour, add my name to the list of those who are more fortunate in having earlier, but I am sure cannot have more heartily expressed their feelings?" [Mrs. Sarah Shaw R.]  
July, 1872.

Enclosed in her note was a check for three hundred dollars. Of course, I sent her my grateful acknowledgments for this handsome token of her personal regard; but whether there ought to be a public recognition of it in a card or some other shape, or whether she would wish at this late day to have any publicity given to it, I am embarrassed to decide. Please give me your opinion about it. Perhaps you will feel inclined to send her a letter, as it was solely through your untiring efforts that the Testimonial was crowned with such success. The only reason I hesitate about a public acknowledgment is, that it



will certainly set many tongues in motion in the way of gossip and speculation, and may induce fresh applications for pecuniary assistance from a class of persons who are ever seeking occasions to improve their chronic destitution in a Jeremy Diddler fashion. But I will abide by your good judgment in the matter.

Fanny continues to send us an interesting letter each week, giving us just the particulars we desire to get. All the family are now at Baden-Baden, where they are to remain until autumn. They are delightfully located, and have had no drawbacks. Mr. Villard's health is somewhat improved. It is not probable that they will return home before next year.

William and his family are sojourning at Jefferson, N. H., and expect to remain there until the 1st of September.



What continuous and excessively hot weather we have had for some time past, and up to this hour without abatement! In the great cities - particularly New York and Philadelphia - it has swollen the bills of mortality like a pestilence. My wife would have suffered greatly from it, if she had been as she was before her paralytic attack; but since then, she has ~~not~~ felt any inconvenience from the heat, which exemption is a slight compensation for her crippled condition.

Poor Richard D. Webb! Your account of his enfeebled condition makes me feel very sad. It is evident that, in his case, "the inevitable hour" is not far distant. He is well prepared for the change, even if any special preparation is necessary; but I could wish that he had a stronger assurance of the life beyond the grave than he seems to entertain. In the sequel,



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however, this can be of very little  
consequence. What may be our specu-  
lations as to the future state of exist-  
ence is as dust in the balance com-  
pared with a right use of the life  
that now is. I will try to send dear  
R. D. W. a letter of sympathy by the next  
mail. Frank wrote him a long and  
circumstantial one yesterday.

Notwithstanding the intense heat,  
my health has been much better than it  
was in the Spring. "Music has charms"—  
has it also medicinal qualities? Of  
this I am sure — the jubilee made me  
forget my pains and weaknesses, and  
I gained in strength and spirits all the  
way through from the 17th of June to July 4th.

To your dear wife and yourself  
we send our loving household regards,  
not forgetting your dear children.

Your grateful friend,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Rev. Samuel May.